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SECOND MONTANA
REPERTORY PLAY
OPENS THURSDAY

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"The Devil's Disciple," a play by George Bernard Shaw, opens a three-night run at 8:15 p.m. Thursday (Nov. 30) on the University of Montana campus. The play runs through Saturday night (Dec. 2), in the University Theater.

The Shaw comedy, which is the second MRT production this season, is set during the American Revolution and deals with a young man's attempts to aid the war while proving himself.

Roger DeBourg, resident actor, plays Richard Dudgeon in the lead role. Suzanne Cook portrays Judith Anderson, wife of a Presbyterian minister. The minister, Anthony Anderson, is played by Jim Carney. Both are students.

Alan Cook, UM associate professor of drama, is director for the production. Two other UM drama faculty members--Richard James, an associate professor, and Beverly Jane Thomas, instructor--designed scenery and costumes, respectively.

Robert T. Pantzer, UM president, has praised the MRT as representing an unprecedented opportunity for professional growth and experience for performing artists in Montana. The MRT is the first repertory touring company in Montana in more than 50 years and is permanently based at the Missoula university.

The Montana Arts Council, the National Arts Foundation and the UM have given sustaining grants to the company for its first year.